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sengers or similar passengers have spread the fever from Tampico to Coatzacoalcos it is reasonable to suppose that they might take it to Progreso, and at the same time infect the ship, crew, and fellow-passengers en route. I have tried to figure out a remedy for this condition, but without success. The safety of Havana lies in sending only immunes from here. Of those nonimmune, noninfected individuals from noninfected localities, that pass through here, I am skeptical, especially as they travel with immune passengers from an infected locality.

Respectfully, yours,

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Sanitary report from Vera Cruz—Yellow fever.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, August 19, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report the following statistics for the week ended August 17:

Cases of yellow fever, 28; deaths from yellow fever, 9; deaths from all causes, 40; deaths from pernicious fever, 2; from remittent, 5.

There are now 4 infected vessels in the harbor having had a total of 7 cases aboard. All the sick have been brought ashore to the hospital, and the compartments of the sick have been thoroughly disinfected and fumigated.

I inspected the steamship *Vittoria* yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, and at 3 wrote her a bill of health declaring all well aboard. At 4 I was called aboard and found a very suspicious case in the person of the cook, who is an Italian. At 6 this morning the case had not yielded to the antibilious treatment, and I suggested to the captain to leave the man ashore, as the case was suspicious and the vessel would leave port in a few hours to load along the coast where there was no medical assistance obtainable. My suggestion was complied with, and the bill of health was made out in accordance with the facts. The fever having appeared among the shipping has caused considerable uneasiness among those most concerned.

Three of the 4 cases taken from the Spanish steamship *Mayo*, are convalescent. The last case is in the fourth day, but will recover. I will have the whole vessel thoroughly disinfected, and all bedding, clothing, and fabrics put through the Government steam disinfecter. This vessel (*Mayo*) is bound to Mobile via Ship Island Quarantine. I will incorporate a full report in the consular bill of health.

I have just heard that an American physician, who was trying his yellow fever specific, died of the disease in Cordoba. The consular officer is investigating the report.

The mortality for the past week shows a lack of material in the city, but the appearance of the fever in the shipping among the nonimmunes shows that the infection is as prevalent as ever. * * *

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